

OH SLUSH!

SPRING-TIME is notorious for slush, both of the sickly sentimental and the sticky wet kind. The former nuisance can only be cured by summer or matrimony but the latter may be overcome by wearing a pair of our rubbers. We have them for work and dress shoes, knee and hip boots and lumbermens low lace or buckle boots. Simply can't get "sloppy" in these.

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We have one of the best assortments that Bassano has ever seen. Over 300 pairs in heavy molescloth, whipcord, tweeds, corduroys, No. 1 navy blues, No. 1 gray serges, khaki in light and dark shades, cotton and wool mixtures and cottonades at the following prices. 2.00 2.50 3.75 5.25 6.00 7.00 8.00 & 10.50

SWEATER COATS

All sizes from 36 to 42. Pure wool worsted and wool mixtures, also a splendid range of pullovers in three weights. You may have your choice of these excellent values at 15 per cent off todays prices which will save you 30 per cent on full prices.

NEW SPRING SUITS

Be sure to see our beautiful range of new spring suits just opened up. It will pay you to see these before buying anywhere else. Prices: 23.50 - 28.00 - 34.00 - 38.00 40.00 & 45.00 In this shipment, a few coats at the exceedingly low price of \$15.00

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Old Holland Blend in three pound bags **\$1.95** The very best coffee buy in Canada

This Coffee is in the bean, and we will grind it for you while you wait, thereby ensuring that freshness so essential to good coffee.

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As soon as this is sold we shall be compelled to advance the price. At that we hope to keep under other lines by at least five and ten cents per pound. **65c. lb.** Exceptionally Good Value.

Sugar--Again Dame Fortune smiles upon us

We have been fortunate in securing a consignment of this necessary commodity and can give everyone a little for their immediate needs.

McKee's Stores. Phone 9 Always at Your Service

THE GEM THEATRE

Fri. and Sat.—Dorothy Gish in "Nobody Home."
Monday and Tuesday:
Vivian Martin in "Home Town Girl."
Wednesday and Thursday:
Clara K. Young in "The Claw."
Friday and Saturday, Next Week:
Marguerite Clark in "Let's Elope."

The Snap of the Season

*There's no doubt about it!
People who have come
up the side street have
found it pay.*

*For instance, we are
selling this week--*

**No. 1 Wrapped Apples
Good sound stock at--
per \$2.75 case**

Come up the side street (Opposite the Post Office) It Pays!

JAS. JOHNSTON The Quality Store

Mange to be Eliminated

Dr. R. C. Duthie, of the Dominion Dept. of Agriculture addressed a small but representative meeting of farmers and stockmen at Bassano, on the question of Mange and the problem of its elimination.

In his opening remarks Dr. Duthie gave a brief synopsis of the nature of mange and data as to its entry into Canadian herds. He proved by illustration of the bug or parasite, and by reference to history dating back as far as Moses that mange was not a blood disease but of parasitic origin, and proved that it spreads by direct and also indirect contact.

To illustrate the reason of the appalling rapidity with which the disease spreads he stated that a pair of the bugs can reproduce 1,600,000 of their species within 90 days.

Pointing out the fact that it was a matter which affected stockmen themselves he said that in 1919 a loss of over \$200,000.00 had been caused to shippers in the mange districts by reason of the mange restrictions and disease.

He spoke of the efforts which have been made in the past to cope with the disease and proved that they have been unavailing because of the lack of co-operation of farmers and stockmen and also because of the failure of many to send their entire herds to the dip at the same time.

Simultaneous double dipping carried out thoroughly with more regard for efficiency than speed, a proper distinction of all corral and barns at the same time as the dipping, together with the absolute co-operation of every stockman and farmer in the district should prevail. (Continued on page five.)

What Are WE Doing To Help?

For once we are forced to agree with Geo. Hoadley when he charged the Prov. Government with its failure to take care of the sufferers in the drought-stricken areas.

It is appalling when we are told by unquestionable authorities that 90% of the people in these districts are living on the border line of actual starvation to then read of the government's failure to even alleviate their sufferings and almost in the same paragraph learn that little opposition is expected to the proposed to increase the seasonal indemnity from \$1500.00 to \$2500.00.

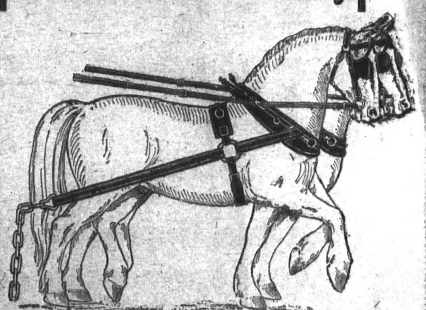
It is perhaps difficult for a Province to handle such matters as relief work, but it seems somewhat of an anachronism when it can cheerfully advance \$50,000.00 for the furtherance of agriculture and bank at granting a nickel for the salvation of agriculturists.

Nevertheless when our neighbors in the drought areas are starving it is not sufficient to criticize the government for doing nothing, it is also necessary for us to dig in and help them ourselves.

The Women's Institute has already assisted very materially in the matter of sending clothing, but it is even more necessary now that donations of money be sent for relief.

Gen. U. F. A. has made a good contribution of cash to the Relief fund but so far as we can learn the Bassano local has not yet taken the matter up. We would suggest that a fund be opened immediately for this most worthy cause and we feel confident that few of our people will refuse to contribute, even if it be only two bits, when they hear the dire necessity of our neighbors on all sides.

A Wonderful Buy



Team Plow Harness

TRACES - 1 3/4 inch layer trace, ring style.
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LINES - 1 inch wide, 22 feet long.
BRIDLES - 7-8 cheeks, concord blinds.
PADS - Felt lined, 1 1/2 inch Ballets.
BREAST STRAPS - 1 1/2 inch, with snaps.

Price less collar, **\$48.00**

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Extra heavy, water tight 84 inches long, at each \$6.50
Reductions on all men's lined gloves and mitts.

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Of our Annual Stocktaking Sale.

You can save 25c. on every dollar by purchasing this week from our stock of Cut-Class Fancy China, Casseroles, Pyrex-ovenware and our dainty selections of Solid Gold and Gold filled Jewelry.

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BASSANO, ALBERTA.

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"Pro Bone" Slams "Publico."

Dear Sir:-

Something, and something very vital, must be lacking in the make-up of not a few of what we say, "Young bloods" of this town and district when they fail to respond to any, or hardly any, undertaking which does not promise some personal debilitation or remuneration.

The foregoing remarks are called forth by the apparent total lack of interest in the majority of projects floated which call for, at the time, the abandonment of some personal pleasure for only a short period on rarely more than one or two occasions in a week.

We think that one would need to travel rather far to find another district of this size and with no young organizations for the entertainment of either young or old, and where it is so desperately hard to get anything going as it is right here in Bassano.

Past experience prove that it is next to impossible to make a success of anything without the wholehearted support and interest of all concerned; and we think we are quite safe in saying that if only a little more time with thought were given to such things as real community work, whether in sport or other methods of entertainment, life in Bassano would be vastly more pleasurable.

To quote just a few examples: The Baseball Team, (which suffers from chronic lameness after the first few weeks of the season; the Soccer Club, which periodically dies and revives but to die again; the gymnasium, (which was still-born); the Skating and Curling Club, (which after warring its tail vigorously for a few shakes, curled up and went to sleep); the proposed Club Rooms for the Veterans, (which foundered in the first ditch); and so we could continue almost indefinitely to recite instances where Bassano has lost prestige by the lack of genuine enthusiasm and working instincts, in all but a few, and very few things.

A stranger, if you have ever noticed, almost invariably asks "What is on in town tonight?", and, unfortunately about the only reply a Bassanite can give is, "Oh, the pictures, I guess," or, "There are two Pool Rooms and Bowling Alleys in town; how about them," with an occasional dance or card party to relieve what is in reality "the monotony of things."

What is needed is hard to say; but if the boys would only give a bit more thought to getting a little pleasure out of devoting a few hours of their spare time to something of interest to others besides themselves, and thereby give those who are trying to make our town more sociable a spark of encouragement, such things as these would never be thought of.

Now when your help or co-operation is sought for in anything, Boys, just climb in for all you are worth and make things go with a show of spirit; or if you are inclined to be indifferent, or in the case where concerted energy is needed, only willing to give your services when it pleases you, you would do better to say, no in the first place and allow someone who is wholeheartedly interested to have a chance.

Sincerely hoping that this talk may give a few of you up and turn you from "Hang-Backs" into enthusiastic supporters of whatever you take a hand in.

Pro bone publico.

FOR SALE. 3 Pure Bred English Shire Cows, coming 3 yrs. old. Good terms for guide buyers. Can be seen at 2110 Willow Street, north of Duck Lake, 15-16-18. Address communications to Hunter or Bassano P.O.

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ON MONDAY MARCH 1st. 1920

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FARM STOCK AND IMPLEMENTS

30 HEAD OF WORK HORSES 1300 to 1550 lbs.

All in good condition and ready for work.

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| 8 John Deere Binders. | 30 sets of work harness |
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A large assortment of Scoop Shovels, Forks, Small Tools of all kinds, Cooking Utensils, Dishes, etc.

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Lunch Served

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The number of cars we can get depends upon the number of orders we send in and the early date at which we send them in, as the Ford Shipping Department follows the principle, "First Come, First Served."

Cars ordered now will not be delivered until March, and deliveries will be uncertain throughout the year. If you do not want to wait for summer or autumn delivery, come in and reserve your car by signing an order today.

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In Aluminium & Blue Enamel Graniteware and White Enamel

Galvanised Water Pails

16 quart size. \$1.25
Galvanised wash bowls at \$2.00

SPRING NEEDS for FARM

In face of the continually advancing markets we most emphatically advise our friends to buy their spring requirements early.

We know that any goods we stock from now on will be higher by from ten to twenty-five per cent. Plow and wagon singletrees and doubletrees, clevises in all sizes, plow rings, chain pulleys etc.

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DE LAVAL SEPARATORS

We have three No. 12 550 lb. De Laval Separators at \$110.00.

This is the one machine you can always get repairs for, no matter where you are.

We stock De Laval Separator Oil in half gallon cans.

Pumps, \$12.00 up. Pump Jacks, \$15.00
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No. 2 Churns \$11, with power pulley. \$13.50. milk pans, dairy pails, creamers and milk strainers

Auto Accessories

Just unpacked a large shipment of Ford wrenches, socket-wrench sets, jacks in big variety, blow-out patches, radiator compound, tire patches, windshields etc.

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Local and Personal

E. P. Currie was a business visitor to Calgary this week.

Service will be held in the Anglican Church on Sunday next at 7.00 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the War Veterans will be held at the Alberta Hotel on Sunday Feb. 20th at 8.30 p.m.

Special rehearsal for the Musical Society's concert will be held on Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian Church at 4 p.m. Every member urged to make extra effort to attend.

In the current issue of the Gazette are registered the following appointments: Official Assignee, H. W. Ford; Notary Public, W. McLaws; Commissioner for Oaths, A. McInnes.

It is common report that a new and very extensive store is to be opened in town shortly in the "Cash and Carry" principle. We do not vouch for its authenticity but there appears to be no reason to doubt it.

From all accounts the Sunday afternoon concert which is to be given by the Musical Society on March 7th will be a really great musical treat. The Musical director is working overtime to make the success assured.

The authority which Mr. Beck's experience on agricultural matters gives him will ensure the serious consideration of all our readers of his articles which will appear every week in the "Mail," the first of which appears this week.

Someone's all ways taking the joy out of life—just when the boys had made all their plans for the most beautiful "hot ice warming" party for J. Matheson at the Bank of Commerce transfer him to Nipawank, Sask. He is succeeded by A. N. Reop who was previously sub-tant at Riverbank.

The Brooks Curling Club entertained a bunch of Bassano devotees to the hearing of the Bannockburn on Friday and handed out a trimming to one team and a close shave to the other. All the boys who made the trip are most anxious to get our rink under way at once.

The next meeting of the Bassano U.F.A. will be held on Saturday March 6th, and promises to be a most interesting meeting. Every member has been advised of the purpose of this meeting and there should be a record attendance with splendid results.

We have always contended that our Bassano sports are the genuine stuff, but the recent outbreak of peevishness and poor circulation of the real sporting spirit in the Bannockburn makes us wonder whether our diagnosis was accurate. Get together boys like sportsmen and not as little children.

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Fay George which occurred on Saturday, February 21st at Estevan, after a very brief illness. Mrs. George is survived by her husband and three children to whom the sympathy of their many friends is extended. Mrs. T. Evans, Mrs. W. Caldwell and Mrs. Wright were sisters of the deceased lady, who was born at Koryn, Neb. thirty-one years ago. The funeral took place at Bassano on Wednesday.

For Sale

Lots 11, 12, and 13 Block 5 Plan 2872 "B" Bassano. This property has an area of 180 feet square, with a frontage of 180 feet on the main business street. Occupied as it does a prominent corner location it will doubtless be in demand for business purposes as this town develops. It was purchased by the present owner in 1913 at a cost of \$12,000.00. Owing to the owner having been on active service the taxes have become in arrears and in order to discharge the obligation the property is now offered for the sum of \$1,000.

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Stiles - The Druggist